

COMPLAINT

CASE NUMBER: 22SA0029

The CHRB hereby files a complaint against **Robert Hess Jr.** for violation of CHRB Rule **1588(a)(14), 1866(h), 1844(d)(1), 1843.1(b) 1843, 1842.5 and 1887.** The person named in this complaint holds a license as a **Trainer**, license number **094045 - Exp 7/2024.** The offense alleged occurred on or about **2/14/2022** and is as follows:

The official blood sample #NC44430 taken on February 14, 2022 at Santa Anita Park was reported by Ben Moeller, PhD of UC Davis Laboratories to contain 5-Hydroxy Dantrolene (197,000 pg/ml). The sample was obtained from the horse "RANTANEN" who worked on February 14, 2022. The trainer of record is Robert Hess Jr. (094045 - Exp 7/2024). A split sample was not requested. The violation is a Class 4 drug with a Penalty Category C.

Pursuant to Business and Professions Code Section 19420, 19440, and CHRB Rules, the stewards are empowered to impose penalties for violation of any provision of the CHRB Rules. Such penalties may consist of suspension of any license, fines, and exclusion from all racing enclosures under the jurisdiction of the Board or by any combination of these penalties.

Date : 2/27/2022	Complainant : CHRB
-------------------------	---------------------------

NOTICE TO APPEAR

To **Robert Hess Jr.** you are hereby notified to appear before the Board of Stewards at the below listed location, date, and time.

Location: Santa Anita	Date: 4/21/2022	Time: 10:00 a.m.
------------------------------	------------------------	-------------------------

You are entitled to reasonable notice of the hearing and reasonable time to prepare for the hearing. If you need additional time to prepare for the hearing, you must contact the Board of Stewards within 72 hours of receipt of this notice. All requests for a continuance must be in writing. You should be prepared to justify your request for additional time. Granting or denial of a request for additional time is within the sound discretion of the stewards. The hearing will be conducted in accordance with the GOVERNING PROCEDURES FOR HEARING BEFORE THE BOARD OF STEWARDS, a copy of which is attached to this Complaint and Notice to Appear.

Investigator	Date
--------------	------

DISPOSITION OF CASE

The stewards have taken the following action on CASE NUMBER: **22SA0029**

Steward

Date

Steward

Date

Steward

Date